

SMOKE GUIDELINES

At this time of the year farmers and small business owners (s) ridding or preparing their properties or reducing fuel loading for the next fire season. As per the requirements of a permit to set fire to the bush, these guidelines need to be followed to ensure compliance with the Bush Fire Act 1954.

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Do I need to burn or can I take it into a bin and taken away in the wheel's collection service? Burning is only permitted if allowed under the Local Government Local Law or in the Gazetted Fire District. Check with the City of Greater Geraldton for the specific requirements of your area. Burning will generate a large amount of smoke. Please inform your neighbours and make them aware that you are going to burn (if needed) windows open in the house and this will allow them time to prepare. Obtain a current weather forecast for the day of the burn. Burn in the best weather conditions (check the Bureau of Meteorology www.bom.gov.au) and do not burn in residential areas if possible. Smoke is a major air quality issue and should be avoided.

Ensure that no petroleum products (tires, plastics etc), chemicals or similar materials (this can cause excessive black smoke and toxic gases) are included in the material to be burned. Ensure the material is free from animal manure. Ensure large piles of green waste. Burn only small amounts at any one time, this will ensure the burn can be completed within one day and minimal smoldering can occur. Ensure fire burns hot and continue to move unburnt material, as this will minimize smoke. If you burn create excessive smoke either a Fire Control Officer or an Environmental Health Officer may need to attend to assess the burn and if the burn is in breaching the Local Government's Local Law you will be requested to extinguish the burn.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

In regards to the following questions if the answer to any are NO, then either:

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Q1. Is the material free of fuel residues?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q2. Is the material free of fuel residues?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q3. Is the material free of fuel residues?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q4. Is material arranged in small lots so that the fire will be extinguished by the end of the day?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q5. Is the pile of material arranged so that sufficient air can enter the pile to allow clean burning?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q6. Are the weather conditions like to disperse smoke readily and away from neighbours?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q7. Is the material downwind from neighbours?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q8. Have the neighbours been advised of the burning?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q9. Have the neighbours been advised of a 7 day notice prior to the burn?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, guidelines, fire-related resources, please visit the City of Greater Geraldton website: <http://www.cgg.wa.gov.au> or contact the Fire Services Administration and Technical Services Unit on (08) 9956 6600.

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